



# Wishbone will bring fans in

TRENTDALE, the people who organised the London Music Festival, are planning to mount a massive fan invasion of London for WISHBONE ASH's Christmas Special at Alexander Palace on December 22.

Coaches are being run from 12 major provincial centres to bring fans to the concert — Wishbone's last appearance in Britain for five months.

The band have agreed to play 14 selected dates in

America starting on January 15, following the success of their Live Dates double album which has sold 100,000 in the first two weeks of its issue there.

During their American stay they will be appearing on the nationwide television show, In Concert. Then, on their return to Britain, will rehearse songs for their sixth album which should be recorded in April.

Trentdale have added

Vinegar Joe, Al Stewart, and Renaissance to the bill for Ally Pally, and promise "Lotsa party goodies".

Coaches will be leaving from Halifax, Wakefield, Dewsbury, Manchester, Bristol,

Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Birmingham, Leicester, Coventry, and Tamworth. All trips will be run by local coach companies and prices (between £2.65 and £3.65) will include entrance.

# Glittermen set to solo

GARY GLITTER'S backing group, The Glitter Band, who are pursuing a solo career, have their first ballroom tour lined up for December and January. The band features rock and roll instrumentals plus the lead vocals of bass player John Springate and lead guitarist Gerry Shephard.

They are expected to record their first solo record in December to be released on the Bell label in early 1974.

Tour dates: — Lincoln,

Aquarius Club (Dec 15) Doncaster, Side Saddle Country Club (Dec 16) Portsmouth Victory Club (Dec 19) Cleethorpes Pier Pavillion (Dec 21) Goole Viking Hotel (Dec 22) Barnsley Civic Hall (Dec 23) Hornsea Floral Hall (Dec 24) Rawmarsh Leisure Centre (Dec 26) Buckley Tivoli (Dec 27) Bourne Corn Exchange (Dec 29) Kettering Central Hall (Dec 30) Margate Dreamland (Dec 31) Shrewsbury, Tiffany's (Jan 1) Wrexham Fagin's Club (Jan 11) Bolton, Nevada (Jan 12) Blackpool, Locarno (Jan 17) Ely, The Maltings (Jan 19).

# Ruby don't roll

THE current vinyl shortage — coupled with the bulk of material already being pressed specially for the Christmas market — has prompted a week's delay in the release of the new Lindisfarne album "Roll On Ruby", which will now be issued on December 7. Already arrangements are in hand for the album to be pressed in Holland and imported to meet a huge advance order.

The band's current British tour (which opened at Cheltenham Town Hall on December 4) will continue, however; one planned gig — at Oxford Town Hall on December 14 — has been cancelled, and Lindisfarne will be joined for one night only by Claire Hamill, who will open the show at London's Imperial College on December 8. A new college tour is scheduled to begin in late January, and a new single — coupling "Taking Care Of Business" and "Toe The Line" — will be released earlier the same month, barring vinyl shortage complications.

Lindisfarne will begin a six-week series of routing and recording sessions for another album in mid-February.

# Bird on the circuit

HUMMINGBIRD — the new band built around the nucleus of ex-Jeff sidemen Bobby Tench, Max Middleton and Clive Chaman — play their first British gigs this month. They begin a short club and college tour at Newman College, Birmingham, on December 7, and make their first London appearance at the Marquee Club on December 13; only other confirmed gig at this stage is at Leeds Polytechnic on the 14th. The band completed work on their first album (produced by manager-writer Ian Samwell) in London last weekend, and are scheduled to play a major British tour to tie in with its releases in late January or early February. European gigs follow in March, followed by American concerts in the spring.

# Fares time — even for Bob

